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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE



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Dear Local Official,

As you know, the Department's number one priority is on-time tax billing, and we have been looking for ways to streamline and expedite the assessment to tax billing process. As such, we wanted to make all units aware of their ability to voluntarily waive the two-week response period to review the preliminary budget, tax rate and tax levies calculated by the Department after the receipt of the county's certified net assessed values. This two-week period is also known as the "1782 period" and is outlined in IC 6-1.1-17-16(d).

This action, when taken by <u>all</u> taxing units in the county, can reduce the budget turnaround time by anywhere from 10 - 12 days, leading to on-time billing or expedited receipt of property tax distributions if on-time billing cannot be met.

Attached you will find a draft waiver that you may use, if you choose, to voluntarily waive all except for the first day of this notice period.

All units should carefully consider whether or not they would like to pursue this option, which the Department is offering as a suggestion to expedite the process. Again, all taxing units in the county must agree to voluntarily waive this response period for the time savings to be realized.

If you choose to consider this option, please notify the Department with a fax number and e-mail address so that we may forward the 1782 notice, allowing you to review the document before signing the waiver.

Please note that the County Auditor should serve as the point of collection for these waivers, and the Department will work with the Auditor for receipt.

If you have any questions about this waiver, please contact me at klarge@dlgf.in.gov or 317.234.3937 or Linda Lessaris at klarge@dlgf.in.gov or 317.233.9239.

Questions about the actual 1782 notice should be directed to your Department field representative. Contact information for field representatives can be found at http://www.in.gov/dlgf/2338.htm#BudgetFld.

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This e-mail was distributed to all units of government via the Department's listservs. Auditors, please feel free to pass this along to your local units as well to ensure that all are aware of this option to expedite tax billing and distribution of property tax dollars to local units of government.